

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

In the Matter of)	
a Member of the Bar of)	
the Supreme Court of)	
the State of Delaware:)	No. 581, 2009
)	
STEPHEN L. NOWAK,)	ODC File No. 2009-0409-B
Respondent.)	
)	

Before **BERGER, JACOBS,** and **RIDGLEY**, Justices.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 20th day of October 2009, it appearing to the Court that, upon receipt of sufficient evidence demonstrating that Stephen L. Nowak, Esquire ("Respondent"), a lawyer subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Board on Professional Responsibility and the Court, poses a substantial threat of irreparable harm to his clients, his prospective clients, and the orderly administration of justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Respondent is hereby assigned immediately to disability inactive status, pursuant to Rule 19(c) of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure;
- (2) All disciplinary proceedings involving Respondent shall continue forward in accordance with the normal rules and procedures of the Board on Professional Responsibility;
- (3) The Office of Disciplinary Counsel shall file a petition in the Court of Chancery for the appointment of a Receiver of the Respondent's law practice pursuant to Procedural Rule 24, and the Receiver shall provide notice to clients, adverse parties, and others as required by Procedural Rule 23;

(4) The Receiver shall make such arrangements as may be necessary to protect the interests of any of the Respondent's clients and the public; and

(5) The Respondent shall cooperate in all respects with the Receiver, including providing him with all law office books and records.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Carolyn Berger
Justice